## **Rebuilding Aid for Adams Farm**

Athol, MA. – A December 21, late-night blaze completely destroyed one of the last remaining USDA inspected processing facility/slaughterhouses in the state of Massachusetts. Also included in the loss were the Adams Farm retail and office space.

The farm has been in the family since 1919 and has been an integral part of the agricultural community by providing services so critical to the survival and livelihood of farmers throughout New England and New York State. Most have built their business models with the Adams Farm facility in mind. The farm also provided fresh local provisions to many through their retail and wholesale business.

The Adams family is planning to rebuild with the help of many, although it is too soon to say when.

The North Quabbin Chamber of Commerce is assisting the Adams family compile a customer list that was lost in the fire.

Persons who were patrons of the business are asked to contact Steve Raymond at the Chamber at (978) 249-3849 or leave a message if no answer. Also, e-mail can be sent to <a href="majorage-nqcc1@verizon.net">nqcc1@verizon.net</a>. Persons are asked to provide Name, Address, Town and Zip Code.

Further, a fund has been set up at Athol Savings Bank to benefit the farm and get them up and running as soon as possible.

Donations can be sent to:

Adams Farm Fund c/o Athol Savings Bank 444 Main St. Athol, MA. 01331